

Cerro Gordo and preached one sermon for them. We have a good nucleus for a church here, and doubtless in a few years they will be able to have a house of their own. This class was organized by brother B. F. Flora, two years ago. I enjoyed the hospitality of Brother Volgamot's family while there the one night. I would have liked to visit the other members' homes, but time would not permit.

I arrived in Astoria on the 30th, and in the evening went to Vermont, where I met Prof. B. F. Schisler, Principal of the North Vermon High school, who took me to his home, and in the evening I preached the baccalaureate sermon for the class of '99.

On the evening of May 1, I began a series of meetings at Astoria which continued until the 10th, and resulted in three baptisms and the starting of an organization. At the close of the meeting on the 10th, by the unanimous wish of the members, brother B. F. Schisler was ordained to the ministry and brother Samuel Fitz was ordained to the deaconate and sister Faria Fitz was elected corresponding secretary. Thus after six years of patient and faithful waiting for help from the district and dependence on ministers from abroad, these faithful brethren and sisters begin their organized existence as a nucleus for a church, which we feel sure will be the result of such patience and faithfulness. Since the very first member was received into the Brethren church at Cornell, not one has gone back, but all have remained faithful. Prof. B. F. Schisler is a successful teacher and a promising young man, reared in the town of Cornell, where he has a host of friends and it is in his own town and county that he has made his mark as a teacher, and it is here that he begins the work of his ministry, which we believe and pray the Lord may bless.

I arrived in Auburn, Ill., on May 11, and preached four sermons. We received Brother Cornish and wife from the G. B. church by the right hand of fellowship, and at the request of the church Brother Cornish was ordained to the deacon's office, a position he had held in his former church relationship. On Sunday evening, the 14th, a young man of promise, a teacher by occupation, sought baptism, and on Monday morning just before taking the train, I baptized him. Altogether my short stay at Auburn was pleasant, and I think profitable. Here is the field Brother Bauman labored in successfully before accepting his present charge. There are about fifty members here, faithful to their Lord. But as is the case in too many other places, they have had trials of false preachers. It was here the Gibsons' "oscillated" and "vacillated" for a time, and others who were seeking loaves and fishes swooped down upon them, yet they have remained faithful. A good strong, consistent preacher can here build up a strong church. They have been without a pastor since brother Louis Bauman closed his successful pastorate among them two years ago, but they do not wish to be idle. There being no one to direct their

work, a committee on service was appointed to arrange for services and secure preachers, until such a time as they can have a regular pastor in charge. Sister Susan R. Black is president of this committee and Susan Beechley is corresponding secretary.

On Monday, May 15th, I arrived at Cornell, where I met brother Z. T. Livengood, and preached in the evening. This congregation has been for some time laboring against much discouragement. On the 16th, we met with the members in a specially called business meeting to attend to matters needing adjustment. The meeting we think was profitable and the results we believe will prove beneficial to the work in Cornell. They not being able to support a regular pastor and an organized church work, it was thought best to place themselves under the District Mission Board, which was done by unanimous vote.

Arrived home on the 17th, found all well, but owing to the difficulty in securing help of a mechanical sort, the landlord had not gotten our new mission quarters ready for occupancy. The delay has been vexatious, but our members have not been idle. The prayer meetings have been kept up and the S. S. interests looked after by my assistant, Sister Gibbons. On the evening of April 25th, occurred a pleasant event for the members of the mission, i. e., the marriage of brother Thomas Hall and Sister Macauley, Sister Gibbons officiating.

We expect to hold our first service in our new quarters on Wednesday evening, May 24th. It is most fitting to begin with a prayer meeting.

A very pleasant wedding among the friends of our mission work took place on the evening of the 17th, when David Peddie and Miss Daisy Thompson were united in marriage, your servant officiating. The event took place at the home of the bride, 249 West Congress street. About forty relatives were present. They are a young couple of promise, and may their lives be long and happy.

We will have more to say of the interesting features of the work in the near future. Suffice it to say that in our new place we will be more conveniently situated and everything more promising. But brethren, do not forget us, either in your prayers nor temporal blessings, for we can only keep the work here going with your substantial help behind us. Giving is the first principle of the gospel, and forgiving is the second. On these principles all the doctrines of the gospel are founded. First "God gave" his Son. "The Son our Savior gave his life," and the first disciples gave their lives and all they had, and were for the great truth. Repentance and forgiveness is a distinctly gospel proposition, "For if ye forgive not your brother his trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you," says the Lord. When we once get this great thought of God in our hearts, it will make us a strong missionary church. During the next two months we will probably need money more than at any time yet, for

it is a time when all our brethren are very busy with affairs, and many who promised us help, both in the district work and the general mission work have not yet responded.

On the 27th inst., I go to Brooklyn, Iowa, to begin a series of meetings which will probably continue two weeks. Pray for us in that field and also for our work in Chicago. May the Lord richly bless you all for your help and prayers in the past, and for a continuance of them in his dear name.

J. O. TALLEY.

P. S.—I have to acknowledge the following money received for the printing of my tract, to wit: Brother W. H. Miller, \$1; brother John Lichty, \$2. I believe this makes \$11 in all, as some was sent direct to Brother Gnagey. The Editor writes me that the tract will be issued this week.

Glenford, Ohio

Money received by the Ohio Home Mission Board since last report:

DECEMBER 1898

Mt. Zion,	\$ 1 00
Miamisburg,	2 61
Fairview, Wash., C. H.,	7 60
Williamstown,	3 63
North Liberty,	4 00
Ashland,	6 00
Fairview,	1 00
Simon Mikesell, wife and son,	75

JANUARY 1899

Ankeneytown church and S. S.,	12 25
Bethesda,	8 00
Gratis,	5 00
Bryan,	7 25
West Alexandria,	2 85

FEBRUARY

Pleasant Hill,	2 40
Buckeye City, S. S.,	3 00
Zion Hill church,	4 00
Interest on Bond,	10 00

APRIL

Buckeye City church,	3 50
Fair Haven,	6 75
Glenford,	2 33
Ashland K. C.,	6 25
North Georgetown,	2 00

I have sent receipts only to those asking for them. Send the Board more money, as we need it to carry on the work.

C. E. DEFFENBAUGH, Sec'y.

The Pastor's Relation to Missions

World-Wide Missions.

The relation of the pastor to Missions is as important as that of the missionary on the field. The pastor is at one end of the line, and the missionary is at the other. The former needs to be as fully consecrated to the cause of Missions as does the latter. Both are engaged in the work of soul saving. The pastor who is not imbued with the missionary spirit will have no revival, and the church under his care will languish in spiritual life. He may, by preaching on sensational and so-called popular themes, obtain a large hearing, but he will lead few souls to